

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, lines 3-7:

~~This application is a Continuation-in-Part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 533,245 filed June 4, 1990 which in turn is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 406,945 filed September 13, 1989. This application is a divisional of USSN 07/720,282 filed June 24, 1991 (abandoned); which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/533,245 filed June 4, 1990 (which is now U.S. Patent No. 5,055,438); which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 07/406,945 filed September 13, 1989 (abandoned).~~

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~~For any of the above described materials the final resin properties and their suitability for particular applications depends on the type of tacticity, the melting point (stereoregularity), the average molecular weight, the molecular weight distribution, the type and level of monomer and comonomer, the sequence distribution, and the presence or absence of head or end group functionality. Accordingly, the catalyst system by which such a stereoregular poly- α -olefins resin is to be produced should desirably be versatile in terms of Mw, MWD.~~ For any of the above described materials the final resin properties and their suitability for particular applications depends on the type of tacticity, the melting point (stereoregularity), the average molecular weight, the molecular weight distribution, the type and level of monomer and comonomer, the sequence distribution, and the presence or absence of head or end group functionality. Accordingly, the catalyst system by which such a stereoregular poly- α -olefins resin is to be produced should desirably be versatile in terms of Mw, MWD.

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~~(C₅H_{4-x}R_x) is a cyclopentadienyl ring which is substituted with from zero to four substituent groups R, "x" is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4 denoting the degree of substitution, and each substituent group R is, independently, a radical selected from a group consisting of C₁-C₂₀ hydrocarbyl radicals, substituted C₁-C₂₀ hydrocarbyl radicals wherein one or more hydrogen atoms is replaced by a halogen radical, an amido radical, a phosphido radical, and alkoxy radical or other~~
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~~T is a covalent bridging group containing a Group IV A or V A element such as, but not limited to, a dialkyl, T is a covalent bridging group containing a Group IV A or V A element such as, but not limited to, a dialkyl,~~

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~~Suitable hydrocarbyl and substituted hydrocarbyl radicals, which may be substituted as an R-group for at least one hydrogen atom in the cyclopentadienyl ring, will contain from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms and include straight and branched alkyl radicals, cyclic hydrocarbon radicals, alkyl-substituted cyclic hydrocarbon radicals,~~

~~aromatic radicals, and alkyl substituted aromatic radicals, amido-substituted hydrocarbon radicals, phosphido-substituted hydrocarbon radicals, alkoxy-substituted hydrocarbon radicals, and cyclopentadienyl rings containing one or more fused saturated or unsaturated rings. Suitable organometallic radicals, which may be substituted as an R group for at least one hydrogen atom in the cyclopentadienyl ring, include~~ Suitable hydrocarbyl and substituted hydrocarbyl radicals, which may be substituted as an R group for at least one hydrogen atom in the cyclopentadienyl ring, will contain from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms and include straight and branched alkyl radicals, cyclic hydrocarbon radicals, alkyl-substituted cyclic hydrocarbon radicals, aromatic radicals, and alkyl substituted aromatic radicals, amido-substituted hydrocarbon radicals, phosphido-substituted hydrocarbon radicals, alkoxy-substituted hydrocarbon radicals, and cyclopentadienyl rings containing one or more fused saturated or unsaturated rings. Suitable organometallic radicals, which may be substituted as an R group for at least one hydrogen atom in the cyclopentadienyl ring, include

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~~Suitable hydrocarbyl and substituted hydrocarbyl radicals, which may be substituted as an R^1 group for at least one hydrogen atom in the heteroatom J ligand group, will contain from 1 to about 20 carbon atoms and include straight and branched alkyl radicals, cyclic hydrocarbon radicals, alkyl-substituted cyclic hydrocarbon radicals, aromatic radicals and alkyl substituted aromatic radical, halogen radicals, amido radicals, phosphido radicals and the like. Examples of heteroatom ligand groups (JR^{1-2}) which are suitable as a constituent group of the Group IV B transition metal component of the catalyst system are identified in column 3 of Table 1 under the heading (JR^{1-2}). Suitable R^1 radicals of the heteroatom J ligand are independently a hydrocarbyl radical selected from a group consisting of 1 to about 20 carbon atoms and include straight and branched alkyl radicals, cyclic hydrocarbon radicals, alkyl-substituted cyclic hydrocarbon radicals, aromatic radicals and the like; substituted C_1 - C_{20} hydrocarbyl radicals wherein one or more hydrogen atom is replaced by a halogen radical, an amido radical, a phosphido~~

radical, an alkoxy radical, or a radical containing a Lewis acidic or basic functionality, and the like. Examples of heteroatom ligand groups ($JR^1_{2,2}$) which are suitable as a constituent group of the Group IV B transition metal component of the catalyst system are identified in column 3 of Table 1 under the heading ($JR^1_{2,2}$).

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~~Table 1 depicts representative constituent moieties for the "Group IV B transition metal component", the list is for illustrative purposes only and should not be construed to be limiting in any way. A number of final components may be formed by permuting all possible combinations of the constituent moieties with each other. Illustrative compounds are: dimethylsilylfluorenyl-t-butylamido-zirconium dichloride, dimethylsilylfluorenyl-t-butylamido-hafnium dichloride, dimethylsilylfluorenylcyclohexylamidozirconiumdihalides~~ Table 1 depicts representative constituent moieties for the "Group IV B transition metal component", the list is for illustrative purposes only and should not be construed to be limiting in any way. A number of final components may be formed by permuting all possible combinations of the constituent moieties with each other. Illustrative compounds are: dimethylsilylfluorenyl-t-butylamido zirconium dichloride, dimethylsilylfluorenyl-t-butylamido hafnium dichloride, dimethylsilylfluorenylcyclohexylamidozirconiumdihalides

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~~The catalyst system may be conveniently prepared by placing the selected Group IV B transition metal component and the selected alumoxane component in any~~ The catalyst system may be conveniently prepared by placing the selected Group IV B transition metal component and the selected alumoxane component in any

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~~In a preferred embodiment of the process of this invention, the catalyst system is utilized in the liquid phase (slurry, solution, suspension or bulk phase or combination thereof), high pressure fluid phase or gas phase polymerization of an α -olefin monomer. These processes may be employed singularly or in series. The liquid phase process comprises the steps of contacting an α -olefin monomer with the catalyst system in a suitable polymerization diluent and reacting said monomer in the presence of said catalyst system for a time and at a temperature sufficient to produce a poly- α -olefin of high crystallinity and molecular weight.~~ In a preferred embodiment of the process of this invention, the catalyst system is utilized in the liquid phase (slurry, solution, suspension or bulk phase or combination thereof), high pressure fluid phase or gas phase polymerization of an α -olefin monomer. These processes may be employed singularly or in series. The liquid phase process comprises the steps of contacting an α -olefin monomer with the catalyst system in a suitable polymerization diluent and reacting said monomer in the presence of said catalyst system for a time and at a temperature sufficient to produce a poly- α -olefin of high crystallinity and molecular weight.

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~~By appropriate selection of (1) Group IV B transition metal component for use in the catalyst system; (2) the type and amount of alumoxane used; (3) the polymerization diluent type and volume; (4) reaction temperature; and (5) reaction pressure, one may tailor the product polymer to the weight average molecular weight value desired while still maintaining the~~ By appropriate selection of (1) Group IV B transition metal component for use in the catalyst system; (2) the type and amount of alumoxane used; (3) the polymerization diluent type and volume; (4) reaction temperature; and (5) reaction pressure, one may tailor the product polymer to the weight average molecular weight value desired while still maintaining the

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~~Compound A: Part 1. Me_2SiCl_2 (7.5 ml, 0.062 mol) was diluted with 30 ml of THF. A $t\text{-BuH}_4\text{C}_5\text{Li}$ solution (7.29 g, 0.057 mol, 100 ml of thf) was slowly added, and the resulting mixture was allowed to stir overnight. The thf was removed in vacuo. Pentane was added~~
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~~Compound B: Part 1. Me_2SiCl_2 (210 ml, 1.25 mol) was diluted with a mixture of ether and thf. LiMeC_5H_4 (25 g, 0.29 mol) was slowly added, and the resulting mixture was allowed to stir for a few hours, after which~~
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~~Compound G: Part 1. LiC_9H_7 (40 g, 0.33 mol, lithiated indene = $\text{Li}(\text{Hind})$) was slowly added to Me_2SiCl_2 (60 ml, 0.49 mol) in ether and THF. The reaction was allowed to stir for 1.5 hours prior to removing the solvent via vacuum. Petroleum ether was then added, and LiCl was filtered off. The solvent was removed from the filtrate via vacuum, leaving behind the pale yellow liquid, $(\text{Hind})\text{Me}_2\text{SiCl}$ (55:1 g, 0.27 mol).~~
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